Rep. Susie Lee 117th Congress

# 2021 END OF YEAR REPORT

















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#### DEAR NEIGHBOR,

It's no secret that this year has been tough on all of us. However, I am hopeful for the future of Nevada, as our recovery from the pandemic has given our communities the chance to prove just how resilient they are. We have come together to get vaccinated, help our most vulnerable populations, and give selfless support to those who are struggling. As I continue to serve the people of Nevada's 3rd District, I am constantly reminded of our community's strength.

I came to Washington to find bipartisan, common-sense solutions to our nation's most important issues and better the lives of Nevada families. That focus has never shifted, and I have been at the negotiating table day in and day out advocating for the best interests of southern Nevadans.

It has been a busy year in Congress. As your Representative, I have fought for comprehensive investments that will make the day-to-day lives of our families easier, rebuild Nevada's infrastructure, make health care more affordable, and protect our environment from the effects of climate change. Over the course of the past year, I have hosted hundreds of outreach events and have heard from thousands of Nevadans across the third District to ensure that the work I am doing in Washington is delivering real results on the ground.

As you read this report, please know that I, along with my team, will continue to make certain that your concerns are heard in Congress and that the needs of Nevada workers, families, and small businesses are being met as we continue to recover.

It is an honor to represent you.

Sincerely,

Susie Lee

Member of Congress

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# **2021 BY THE NUMBERS**



**51,940**Responses to Legislative Emails, Calls, & Letters



**265+**Events Attended and Hosted in Nevada



\$10,766,806
Secured for Individual
Constituents



\$130,000,000+
Delivered as NV-03
Federal Grant Assistance



**1,064**Constituent Cases Closed



Legislative Meetings with Constituents & Advocacy Groups



**18**Pieces of Legislation Introduced



**10**Town Halls and Public Availabilities

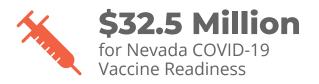


**75**Letters Sent to the Administration & Leadership



**400+**Votes Cast on Behalf of Nevada's Third District

# THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN









Southern Nevada was hit especially hard by this pandemic. Our economy and our families rely on a booming travel and tourism industry, and the need for relief could not have been more urgent.

In March, Rep. Lee voted to pass the American Rescue Plan to get Nevada funding for vaccine distribution, housing, unemployment assistance, small businesses, reopening our schools, healthcare access, and direct assistance for families who needed it most. This relief jumpstarted our economy and delivered across Nevada and nationwide. It helped get shots in arms and rapidly expanded Nevada's access to vaccine distribution, enabling our economy to safely reopen and travel and tourism to resume.

Rep. Lee was especially proud that through the expansion of the Child Tax Credit (CTC), the rate of child poverty in southern Nevada decreased drastically. Right here in Nevada's Third District, the expanded Child Tax Credit delivered \$226 million for 95,000 families. Rep. Lee knows how important these funds are for Nevada hardworking families and the overall health of our economy. That's why she's fighting to extend this expanded Child Tax Credit as part of the Build Back Better Act.

As Nevadans continue to battle to end this pandemic, Rep. Lee remains committed to using every tool available to keep our recovery full-speed ahead and build an economy for Nevada's future.

# INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT





For years, Washington has been all talk when it comes to infrastructure, but this Congress finally came together to change that. As a vocal member of the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus and a member of its working group on infrastructure, Rep. Lee helped craft the framework that shaped bipartisan negotiations and led to the final package being signed into law.

In November, Rep. Lee voted to send the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to President Biden's desk. This is the largest investment in our nation's infrastructure in generations and it includes funds for Nevada's roads, bridges, transit, electric vehicles, airports, high speed internet, clean energy, and water -- including Rep. Lee's legislation to invest in western water recycling, so that we can keep more water in Lake Mead for Nevadans.

Southern Nevada's economy suffered greatly because of the pandemic, and many Nevadans were forced to leave the workforce. Now that the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is law, we are on course to see more than 140,000 good-paying jobs created right here in Nevada. This law and these jobs will continue to bolster our economic development and ensure that we not only rebuild Nevada's economy, but build it back better for our future.

The infrastructure law was just the beginning of how we are going to ensure Nevada's resilience and economic strength for years to come. Rep. Lee voted to pass the Build Back Better Act and make the largest investment in child care and early education in history, address the looming threat of climate change, and cut taxes for hardworking families. It is critical that the Senate passes this legislation so that Nevada's families can not only continue to recover, but prosper.



Pieces of Legislation Introduced

#### H.R.764: Keep Our PACT Act

To address the lack of resources in underserved communities and for special education students, Rep. Lee introduced the Keep Our Promise to America's Children and Teachers (PACT) Act, which would put Congress on a fiscally responsible path to meet its obligation to fully fund Title I and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) over the next 10 years. Fully funding IDEA and Title I will provide Clark County School District with the resources it needs to provide a strong public education for all students, regardless of their background. This legislation is critical and timely, given the additional stressors placed on students during this pandemic.

#### H.R.1353: Coronavirus Medicaid Response Act

Rep. Lee also introduced the Coronavirus Medicaid Response Act to respond to the increased need for health care during public health and economic crises by creating a faster, more responsive process for supporting state Medicaid programs. This is critical for states like Nevada, as a larger number of Nevadans have turned to Medicaid for health care during the economic challenges of this pandemic.

#### H.R.2929: Virtual Peer Support Act

This pandemic brought about an increased need for virtual, online mental health services, so Rep. Lee introduced bipartisan legislation to expand access. The Virtual Peer Support Act would boost the capacity and accessibility of behavioral health support programs by helping service providers expand to online platforms through the creation of a \$50 million grant program.

#### H.R.2406: Electric Power Infrastructure Improvement Act

Southern Nevada consistently leads the way when it comes to solar energy. The Electric Power Infrastructure Improvement Act will help keep Nevada at the cutting edge of energy development, support more than 500,000 jobs, improve the resilience of the grid, and support new projects that connect modern renewable energy resources to the power demands of regional consumer markets. The bill would create an investment tax credit to help promote the construction of regionally significant transmission projects across the nation and right here in Nevada.

#### H.R.2986: End Speculative Oil and Gas Leasing Act

Rep. Lee knows how important public land protections are in Nevada, but too often reckless leasing results in unproductive speculative oil and gas leasing proposals and burdensome administrative costs that waste taxpayer funds. That's why Rep. Lee introduced the End Speculative Oil and Gas Leasing Act. This bill will not only protect public lands from these harmful practices, but will also save taxpayer dollars and improve government efficiency in the process.

#### H.R.2999: Direct CARE Opportunity Act

The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated how vital our direct care workforce is for seniors and people with disabilities, but there is a critical shortage of workers and resources to grow this field and meet the demand. Rep. Lee introduced the Direct CARE Opportunity Act to help meet the growing demand for direct care workers and improve access to vital training opportunities and programs.

#### H.R.3155: Small Business Child Care Investment Act

Rep. Lee joined Senator Jacky Rosen to introduce the bipartisan, bicameral Small Business Child Care Investment Act. This legislation increases access to child care by making non-profit child care providers eligible to participate in key SBA loan programs that can assist providers in expanding their operations and, therefore, expanding the options available to Nevadans.

#### H.R.3831: Seniors SAVE on Prescription Drugs Act

Across the district, Rep. Lee consistently hears heartbreaking stories of seniors not being able to afford the prescription drugs they need to live healthy lives. Rep. Lee introduced the Seniors Securing Access to Vital and Essential (SAVE) Prescription Drugs Act to help address the urgent rising cost of prescription drugs. This bipartisan legislation would help more low income seniors and individuals with disabilities afford their prescription drugs by expanding qualification for the Medicare Part D "Extra Help" program.

#### H.R.4145: Earn to Learn Act

The bipartisan, bicameral Earn to Learn Act would establish a national matched-savings program to help low-income students and their families save for college. This legislation will reduce student loan debt, make college more affordable, and help students pay for tuition, books, fees, and other education-related expenses.

#### H.R.4099: Large Scale Water Recycling Project Investment Act

Rep. Lee introduced the Large Scale Water Recycling Project Investment Act to establish a competitive grant program for western water recycling projects, so we can get these projects over finish line and keep more water in Lake Mead for Nevadans. This legislation is now law as it was included in the the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which Rep. Lee was proud to vote for. Now, these funds are on their way to the West to deliver innovative water solutions for Nevada's future

#### H.R.4832: Open Access Evapotranspiration (OpenET) Act

Rep. Lee joined Senator Cortez Masto in introducing bicameral, bipartisan legislation to get critical water use data in the hands of farmers, ranchers, and decision-makers for improved water management across the West. The Open Access Evapotranspiration Act would establish a program under the Department of the Interior (DOI) that uses publicly available data from satellites and weather stations to provide estimates of the water that is consumed and removed from a water system.

#### H.R.5141: MOBILE Health Care Act

Rep. Lee introduced the bipartisan MOBILE Health Care Act to expand health care access through Federally-Qualified Community Health Centers (FQHCs). Across the country, one in 11 Americans, including 400,000 veterans, rely on FQHCs for health care. This legislation would allow FQHCs to use their existing federal New Access Point (NAP) grants for establishing mobile health units, building renovation, and construction costs to increase access to affordable, quality health care in rural and underserved communities.

#### H.R.5345: Saline Lake Ecosystems in the Great Basin States Program Act

Rep. Lee joined her Western colleagues to introduce the bipartisan Saline Lake Ecosystems in the Great Basin States Program Act to establish a scientific assessment program to better manage conservation for saline ecosystems and migratory birds in Nevada and across the West.

#### H.R.6273: VA Zero Suicide Demonstration Project Act of 2021

Rep. Lee has long been a passionate advocate for veterans and their mental health care. This bipartisan bill would launch the Zero Suicide Initiative Pilot Program at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to build on the VA's strong suicide prevention efforts by implementing more comprehensive, systems-focused Zero Suicide efforts in pilot programs at five VA medical centers across the country.

#### H.R.5981: Telehealth Expansion Act

Rep. Lee introduced the bipartisan Telehealth Expansion Act to permanently extend a CARES Act telehealth waiver to ensure that 35 million Americans continue to have affordable coverage of telehealth services. This legislation would extend a provision that allowed individuals with HSA-qualified high-deductible plans to access telehealth services before meeting their deductible. Without this bill, an estimated 440,000 Nevadans would be at risk of losing first-dollar coverage of telehealth services when the waiver expires on at the end of this year.

#### Direct Outreach to the Administration & Leadership

Rep. Lee has continued to ensure Nevada's priorities are front and center. As a bipartisan leader in Washington, Rep. Lee takes action to urge common-sense solutions from House leadership, officials in the administration, and the president himself. Rep. Lee has successfully fought for our community on a wide variety of urgent issues from Nevada's drought, to lowering the cost of prescription drugs, and setting aside partisan politics to get things moving in Washington. Notably, in December Rep. Lee led a letter to House Leadership urging action to address breakdowns in our supply chain that ultimately brought forth a vote and passage of the bipartisan Ocean Shipping Reform Act to support American exports and address trade imbalances.

# **KEY VOTES**



H.R.1:	For The People Act
H.R.5:	Equality Act
H.R.6:	Dream and Promise Act
H.R.8:	Bipartisan Background Checks Act
H.R.1446:	Legislation to Close the Charleston Loophole
H.R.842:	Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act
H.R.1620:	Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act
H.R.7:	Paycheck Fairness Act
H.R.1065:	Pregnant Workers Fairness Act
<b>S.937</b> :	COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act
H.R.2120:	Securing Access for Venue Equity (SAVE) Act
H.R.2062:	Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act
H.R.239:	Equal Access to Contraception for Veterans Act
H.R.3985:	ALLIES Act
H.R.2467:	PFAS Action Act
H.R.3755:	Women's Health Protection Act
H.R.4:	John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act
H.R.3110:	PUMP for Nursing Mothers Act
H.R.3684:	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
H.R.4350:	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022
H.R.5376:	Build Back Better Act

# BRINGING BACK YOUR DOLLARS



As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Rep. Lee is committed to ensuring that your tax dollars get to work to help southern Nevadans. As part of her ongoing commitment to that promise, this year Rep. Lee hired a full-time grants coordinator to ensure constituents, small businesses, local organizations, and Nevada institutions get access to these federal funds. Combined with her efforts to fully fund these grant programs on the House Appropriations Committee and her support for legislation like the American Rescue Plan, Rep. Lee has been bringing your federal tax dollars back to Nevada.

Rep. Lee is proud to announce over \$130 million in federal grant assistance for Nevada's Third Congressional District this year.

#### Highlights of these funds include:

- **\$39,851,697** from the Department of Transportation for Henderson's Reimagine Boulder Highway Project
- **\$450,000** in funding for Nevada HAND to support efforts to develop and preserve affordable housing, revitalize and sustain neighborhoods, and create jobs
- **\$1,249,964** in Community Policing Development (CPD) funding for the Nevada System of Higher Education to make the University Police Department the National De-escalation Training Center in the western region
- **\$561,501** in American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant funding for the First Person Care Clinic to expand and bring essential health care to more Nevadans
- **\$969,801** for southern Nevada universities to expand child care services for students as part of the Department of Education's Child Care Access Means Parents in School Program
- **\$148,000** through an American Rescue Plan funded grant for Henderson Executive Airport to cover increased costs associated with COVID-19
- **\$275,000** grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' National Cancer Institute for cancer biology research at Touro University of Nevada
- **\$246,634** from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for Fibroplate, Inc. to conduct research on bone healing treatments for elderly patients

# ON THE GROUND



This year, Rep. Lee kept busy as she attended and hosted over 265 events in southern Nevada, including...

- Welcoming nine administration officials to Nevada's Third District to push for key southern Nevada priorities including Vice President Kamala Harris, Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm, Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Interior Secretary Deb Halaand, and First Lady Jill Biden
- Ten townhalls and public events ranging from telephone townhalls and issuefocused townhalls, to Coffee with your Congresswoman and Suds with Susie to highlight local businesses and bring a little fun to the townhall format
- Visits to small businesses to hear their concerns in the wake of this pandemic and highlight their role in the community as part of the Congresswoman's Susie Shops Small series
- Roundtables with Nevada stakeholders and advocates on issues including affordable housing, access to affordable college, mental health care for our first responders, women's health care, and the incoming 140,000 jobs from the bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- Local tours of medical facilities, schools, research centers, emergency resources, municipal facilities, and more so Rep. Lee can fight for their needs
- Workshops and Informational Webinars to help constituents get access to the federal programs and services they need, including the Paycheck Protection
   Program and loan forgiveness, a virtual Child Tax Credit Q&A, and tax workshops
- Press conferences to stay connected and call attention to the issues facing southern Nevada and proposed solutions

# REAL RESULTS FOR CONSTITUENTS





Highlights of their stories include...

"We will no longer facing eviction because of your help. From the bottom of my heart, I am grateful to your help and support...Thank God for you, this is the first time I got to speak with some real person in the DETR office. Again, without your office and your help, I'm absolutely certain that I would be at a homeless shelter in a near future."

A constituent was offered the opportunity to participate in a reality TV show abroad, but her purse and passport were stolen and she needed immediate help to be able to travel. Amidst a pandemic-related passport backlog, **Rep. Lee and** her team were able to get her a new passport in a matter of days and she was able to participate in the TV show.

"My back benefit money was posted to my bank account today. **Thank you so** much for getting this done for us. This was a huge stress reliever. Now we can concentrate on getting my wife back to 100%."

A constituent needed urgent help with her IRS tax return. She filed her income taxes in February and received a letter requesting additional information. Rep. Lee and her team were able to help guide this process, expedite the responses from the IRS, and get her \$10, 282 income tax return.

**If you need help with a federal agency**, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Congresswoman's team. From tax assistance to government benefits, passports, immigration, and more, the Congresswoman's team is here to help you.



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